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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF DRS. HARVEY AVERCH AND R. R. RONKIN,
NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

REF.: LETTER APRIL 21, 1978, MAX HELLMANN, NSF TO G. S.
ARGYROPOULOS, MINISTRY OF COORDINATION (COPY TO AMB. R. J.
MCCLOSKEY)

1. REFLET RESPONDED TO DR. ARGYROPOULOS'S LETTER APRIL 10,
1978, CONTINUING HIS INTEREST IN DEVELOPING SCIENTIFIC
COOPERATION WITH THE UNITED STATES. IT ALSO INFORMED
ARGYROPOULOS OF TENTATIVE TRAVEL PLANS OF DR. HARVEY AVERCH,
NSF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR SCIENTIFIC, TECHNOLOGICAL, AND
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, TO ATHENS FOR EXPLORATORY DISCUSSIONS
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EARLY JUNE 1978.

2- DR. AVERCH PLANS ARRIVE ATHENS FROM ROME SUNDAY, JUNE 4,
1978, 1515 HRS TW 846, LEAVE FOR TEL AVIV TUESDAY 6TH
1600 HRS TW 846. DR. R.R.RONKIN, STAFF ASSOCIATE, NSF
DIVISION OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS, PLANS ARRIVE ATHENS FROM
WASHINGTON THURSDAY JUNE 1 TW 846 TO ASSIST ARGYROPOULOS IN

DEVELOPING AGENDA FOR AVERCH'S VISIT. NSF HOPES THAT RONKIN CAN MEET U.S. AMBASSADOR, ARGYROPOULOS, MAKE BRIEF SITE VISITS TO ONE OR MORE OF FOLLOWING INSTITUTIONS SELECTED BY ARGYROPOULOS: DEMOKRITOS; UNIVERSITIES OF ATHENS, THESSALONIKI; POLYTECHNEION, BEFORE RECEIVING AVERCH AT AIRPORT ON SUNDAY. HE WILL DEPART WITH AVERCH 6TH.

3. DEPARTMENT UNDERSTANDS THAT NSF BUDGET AND STAFFING PLANS FOR IMMEDIATE FUTURE ARE NOT RPT NOT LIKELY TO ACCOMMODATE NEW PROGRAM WITH GREECE. THEREFORE MOST IMPORTANT THAT EMBASSY AND ARGYROPOULOS REFRAIN FROM FALSE HOPES ON BASIS THIS MESSAGE AND EARLIER CORRESPONDENCE.

4. NSF REQUESTS EMBASSY CONFIRM ACCEPTABILITY OF THESE PLANS, ARRANGE RONKIN'S PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS AT EMBASSY AND MINISTRY OF COORDINATION. IN ADDITION, PLEASE ARRANGE MODERN, MODERATE-CLASS NOT REPEAT NOT LUXURY ACCOMMODATIONS AND CABLE PARTICULARS INCLUDING PHONE NUMBER. AIRPORT RECEPTION FOR RONKIN NOT NECESSARY IF INSTRUCTIONS WILL AWAIT HIM THERE. CHRISTOPHER

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